

TMO OFFICE IS NOW 'COVID SECURE' AND IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS (Monday-Friday from 9am to 5pm).

In the interest of everyone's safety:

- We have installed a glass barrier at the reception as well as the meeting room
- We have placed automatic hand sanitizer in the reception room as well as notices and signs
- If you are visiting the TMO Office, please wear a face covering and keep an distance of 1 meter,
 - or 2 meters (without face covering).
- To avoid congestion in the reception room, we do encourage residents to pre-book appointments for meetings.
 - If you can, please do continue to phone or email the office as this is the safest option.

SECRET GARDEN NOW OPEN ON SUNDAYS - 10AM-1PM

Our community garden by the Kimpton Road walkway onto the estate is now open again every Sunday morning.

To help us all enjoy the garden safely we will:

- have a maximum of 6 people in the garden at a time
- ask you to wear a face covering - please bring your own
- give you gardening gloves to wear - everyone will get a free pair to keep.

Places in the garden will be available on a first come, first served basis and then on a one in, one out system during opening hours.

Gardening sessions in the grounds

As well as the 6 spaces in the garden, our community gardener Paul will also be running activities on the estate. The first session will be a **cuttings workshop** on Sunday 2 August, 11am, outside the Secret Garden. Learn how to take cuttings from plants to make new ones for free! Choose from rose, lavender, fig, grape vine and more.

Rewilding project

We're creating a new wildflower garden between 1-30 Mary Datchelor Close and the back of Sansom Street. We will be letting the grass grow long and sowing wildflowers to give a home to bees and other insects and wildlife. Over the summer we'll be collecting seeds from flowers growing nearby, planting them in the autumn and spring, making bug and bee hotels, hanging bird feeders and maybe even creating mini ponds in washing up bowls! Look out for upcoming activities with Paul. (KD – Chair of the Gardening Sub-C)



QR Code to join the WhatsApp Group

STAY IN TOUCH

In the meantime:

- **Read the blog:** check out what we have been up to in the Secret Garden so far this summer at <https://camberwellsecretgarden.wordpress.com/>
- **Sunflower competition:** If you chose a sunflower seed at our seed shop, let us know how it's doing. Send details of height and a photograph to gardeninfo@deynsford.org or share it on the WhatsApp group or drop a note through the TMO office door. Don't forget to include your name and street name.
- **Share your gardening tips and successes:** We'd love to see what you're growing on your balconies and in your gardens. Send us photos with a caption to gardeninfo@deynsford.org or post on the WhatsApp group and we'll put them in a special blog feature.
- **Join the Secret Garden Friends mailing list:** on WhatsApp: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KN7iS9mfLry5XB9XDb5w5r> [QR code] or sign up to the email list by sending a message to: gardeninfo@deynsford.org

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT DURING THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC

At the TMO we have seen first hand how incredibly difficult it has been for school-aged young people to keep up their studies during the crisis, and for their families in lockdown. We first want to say to the students that we have seen how hard you have worked; you deserve everyone's respect and admiration.

Learning from home, and keeping going during a pandemic, is complicated. It relies on having your own means of getting online for an adequate amount of time *everyday*; having access to instructions and explanations that you can use to learn without help; it relies on quiet; and it relies on motivation. It also requires all the basics that schools normally provide: paints for art; writing pads and pens (and some for your little brother so he won't steal yours); exercise books; everything. Without these things how are you going to get through the weeks without falling behind?

We knew that many students on the estate would be missing at least some of these essential things and tried to make sure that we could help provide them for everyone who came forward: everything from pens and pencils to tuition and getting involved with headmasters to make sure those who should have got equipment got it; in some cases we bought it ourselves. The results have been amazing: homework has been caught up; talent has been discovered; interests have been developed; futures protected. But, crucially, with their and their families' determination, and the support from TMO members, everyone has kept going.

However, the last weeks have been more uncertain. Everyone is tired, the school year is ending, some schools have asked for the students to return for the last weeks; in many cases we don't know what September is going to look like. This is why the TMO student support wants to re-energise and switch mode. Over the next weeks we plan to organize summer activities that help students stay occupied, prepare for next year, and keep going with their activities. We want to organize an estate library, run art and cooking classes, have exhibitions in the new noticeboards, and keeping answering requests for assistance. But we also want to hear from the young people: please let us help you with your ideas for August!

PS. We have a few surplus items: some good condition but opened acrylic paint and artist's brushes; Key Stage 1, Year 1 English and Maths books; KS3 Advanced Maths book; 5 lined writing pads; 1 A5 sketch pad; HB pencils (all new). *(TM-E – Estate Champ)*

IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Thank you to those who attended the socially distanced CCTV consultation, I think everyone left with a better understanding of the project. The project is now gathering momentum with the behind the scenes work progressing well and preparations for the installation of the cameras underway. The plan is for the installation and activation of the system to take place in August so those eagerly awaiting the cameras don't have too much longer to wait. The CCTV project is of course one of a number of improvement projects the TMO is carrying out based on their selection at last year's AGM and funded by operational surpluses the TMO has made through efficient management of the estate. *(MV – Improvement Sub-C)*

NOISE NUISANCE

Over the last few months the TMO has received an increased number of noise complaints (music, tv's, shouting). With residents spending significantly more time at home than in more normal times, there are few opportunities to escape situations which irritate. It's incumbent upon all of us to consider the impact our actions and behaviour have on those around us. This has been an especially challenging time for everyone and one simple way we can help is to keep noise levels down to a reasonable level, especially at night.

The TMO tries to handle complaints when they arise by engaging with all parties involved, including the landlords of private renters. If however the nuisance persists, the TMO will pass the complaint to Southwark Council's legal department to instigate Breach of Tenancy/Lease proceedings. *(TMO Office)*

USEFUL CONTACTS

Emergency services Police, fire, ambulance - 999

Report crime (not life threatening) – 101

Council Main switch board - 020 7525 5000

Council Emergency housing repairs - 020 7525 2600

Council parking permits - 0207 525 3587 or 0207 525 3363

Council Waste Management Team – 0207 525 2000

Citizen Advice Bureau - 0344 499 4134